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SUMMARY: (S/NORFORN/WNINTEL/NOCONTRACT/ORCON) IN EX-
CHANGE FOR **KLAUS BARBIE**, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SECRETLY
AGREED TO PROVIDE BOLIVIA WITH A SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY OF
ARMS (UP TO 50 TONS) IN MULTIPLE SHIPMENTS. THE BOLIVIAN
GOVERNMENT ASSURED THE FRENCH THAT THE WEAPONS, INCLUDING
SMALL ARMS, MACHINE GUNS, ANTI-TANK WEAPONS, AND AMMUNI-
TION, WOULD BE USED FOR "POLICE NARCOTICS WORK." INSTEAD
THE ARMS HAVE PROBABLY BEEN USED TO EQUIP A SECRET PARA-
MILITARY FORCE FOR PRESIDENT SILES' NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY
MOVEMENT OF THE LEFT (MNRI) PARTY. SOME OF THE WEAPONS
MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN REROUTED TO NICARAGUA BY THE MNRI.

TEXT: (S/NOFORN/WNINTEL/NOCONTRACT/ORCON) THE MOST RECENT
SHIPMENT OF 100 PISTOLS AND 100 MACHINE GUNS ARRIVED IN
LA PAZ ON 16 DEC 83 VIA FRENCH MILITARY TRANSPORT TO
CAYENNE, FRENCH GUIANA FROM WHERE BOLIVIA ARRANGED TRANS-
PORTATION TO LA PAZ. CUBAN-CONNECTED PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR
FELIX ((ROSPIGLIOSI)) (CITE-IIRS 6 808 0236/7 83), WITH
THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRESIDENT, HAS MANAGED THE OPERATION
AND CONTROLLED DISTRIBUTION THROUGH LEFTIST ASSOCIATES IN
THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, I.E. EX-MINISTER MARIO ((RONCAL))
ANTEZANA AND SUB-MINISTER GUSTAVO ((SANCHEZ)) SALAZAR.
NONE OF THE WEAPONS HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE OR
THE MILITARY EVEN THOUGH THE POLICE ARE DESPERATE FOR
WEAPONS TO EQUIP A SPECIAL U.S.-SUPPORTED ANTI-NARCOTICS
UNIT. THE WEAPONS ARE BELIEVED TO BE A MIX OF NEW AND USED
FRENCH AND THIRD COUNTRY (BELGIAN, SPANISH, AND SWISS) MAN-
UFACTURE. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO BOLIVIA HAS CONFIRMED,
TO A RANKING U.S. OFFICIAL, THE EXISTENCE OF ONE SHIPMENT.
THE TRANSFER OF SOME OF THE ARMS TO NICARAGUA HAS NOT BEEN
CONFIRMED, BUT HAS BEEN RUMORED.

ORIG CMTS: (S/NOFORN/WNINTEL/NOCONTRACT/ORCON) PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF "STRANGE AIRCRAFT" UNLOADING CRATES
INTO INTERIOR MINISTRY TRUCKS AT NIGHT ARE PROBABLY EX-
PLAINED BY THIS REPORT; IIRS 6 808 5056 AND 0158 83 ARE
RELATED. EARLIER REPORTING INDICATED THAT SILES' MNRI
PARTY IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN SUBVERSIVE AND TERRORIST AC-
TIVITY INCLUDING TERRORIST BOMBINGS AND GUERRILLA TRAINING
OF PARTY MEMBERS IN CUBA AND IN BOLIVIA. IN THE OPINION
OF THE RO, IT IS BUT A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE "FRENCH
CONNECTION" BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND PROVES VERY
DAMAGING TO SILES.

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